ISI Activities in Kumaon

† 1432. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the impact of the ISI activities in growing in the hilly areas of Kumaon division in Uttar Pradesh, the borders of which touch West Nepal;

(b) whether the Central Government have drawn the attention of the State Government towards the same;

(c) whether attention has been drawn to the need to setting up a Hilly police Zone (Uttaranchal) by linking the ranges of Garhwal and Kumaon for the said area keeping in view the tight security arrangement thereof; and

(d) if so, by when the same would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Government has received no specific report ragarding the growth of ISI activities in the hilly areas of Kumaon division of Uttar Pradesh, bordering Nepal. However, the Government of India have apprised the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on the threat of subversive activities of Pak ISI from across the border.

The State Government have set up Uttar Pradesh Border Police Force to check the activities of trans-border smugglers, Pak ISI operatives, anti-India elements etc. In the Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh, an IG Zone of Border Police with headquarters at Pilibhit and DIGs at Lakhimpur Kheri and Rudrapur have been established by the State Government.

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